

Amend Section 44-111.4 to read:

44-111 PAYMENTS EXCLUDED OR EXEMPT FROM CONSIDERATION AS INCOME

.1 - .3 (Continued)

.4 Exclusions or Exemptions of Other Payments and Income

.41 - .473 (Continued)

.48 Benefits and related allowances received from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs

.481 Education, training, vocation and rehabilitation benefits, and related allowances received from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs are exempt from consideration as income.

a. Benefits and related allowances include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Yellow Ribbon Program
- (2) Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA) Program Chapter 35
- (3) Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) Services
- (4) National Call to Service Program
- (5) Compensated Work Therapy (CWT)
- (6) Tutorial Assistance
- (7) Monthly Housing Allowance
- (8) Licensing and Certification Reimbursement
- (9) Work Study

b. Individuals eligible to receive the exemption include:

- (1) Veterans
- (2) Dependents of a veteran
- (3) Spouse of a veteran who either died in the line of duty or has a service-connected disability

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The following examples apply to education, training, vocation and rehabilitation benefits and related allowances from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs only:

- (1) Example: A veteran with an assistance unit (AU) of 3 in Region 1 receives \$500 in Veterans Disability

Compensation (VDC) income, which receives a \$225 disability-based unearned income disregard. The veteran receives benefits from the Compensated Work Therapy (CWT) program and receives an hourly rate of \$11 per hour with 5 hours in the program each week. The veteran also attends community college and receives assistance through the GI Bill, including \$552 each semester for tuition and fees, \$2,108 per month for a monthly housing allowance and \$500 each semester for books.

- (2) Amounts received from the GI Bill and the CWT program are exempt. Income from VDC is considered income after the \$225 disability-based unearned income disregard.

Computation of Benefits and Allowances to Determine Monthly CalWORKs Grant Amount

\$ 500	<u>VDC Disability-Based Unearned Income</u>
- 225	<u>Disability-Based Income Disregard</u>
\$ 275	<u>Non-exempt Disability-Based Income</u>

\$ 11	<u>CWT program amount earned per hour</u>
x 5	<u>Number of hours earned</u>
\$ 55	<u>Compensation received per week (Exempt)</u>

\$ 552	<u>GI Bill tuition and fees per semester</u>
2,108	<u>Housing allowance per month</u>
+ 500	<u>Book Stipend</u>
\$3,160	<u>Total GI Bill Amount (Exempt)</u>

\$ 799	<u>Current Maximum Aid Payment (MAP) for AU of 3*</u>
- 275	<u>Non-exempt disability-based income</u>
\$ 524	<u>Monthly CalWORKs Grant Amount</u>

*MAP for AU of 3, Region 1 = \$799; MAP amounts are subject to change.

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Authority Cited: Sections 10553, 10554, Welfare and Institutions Code.

Reference: Section 11250.9, Welfare and Institutions Code.